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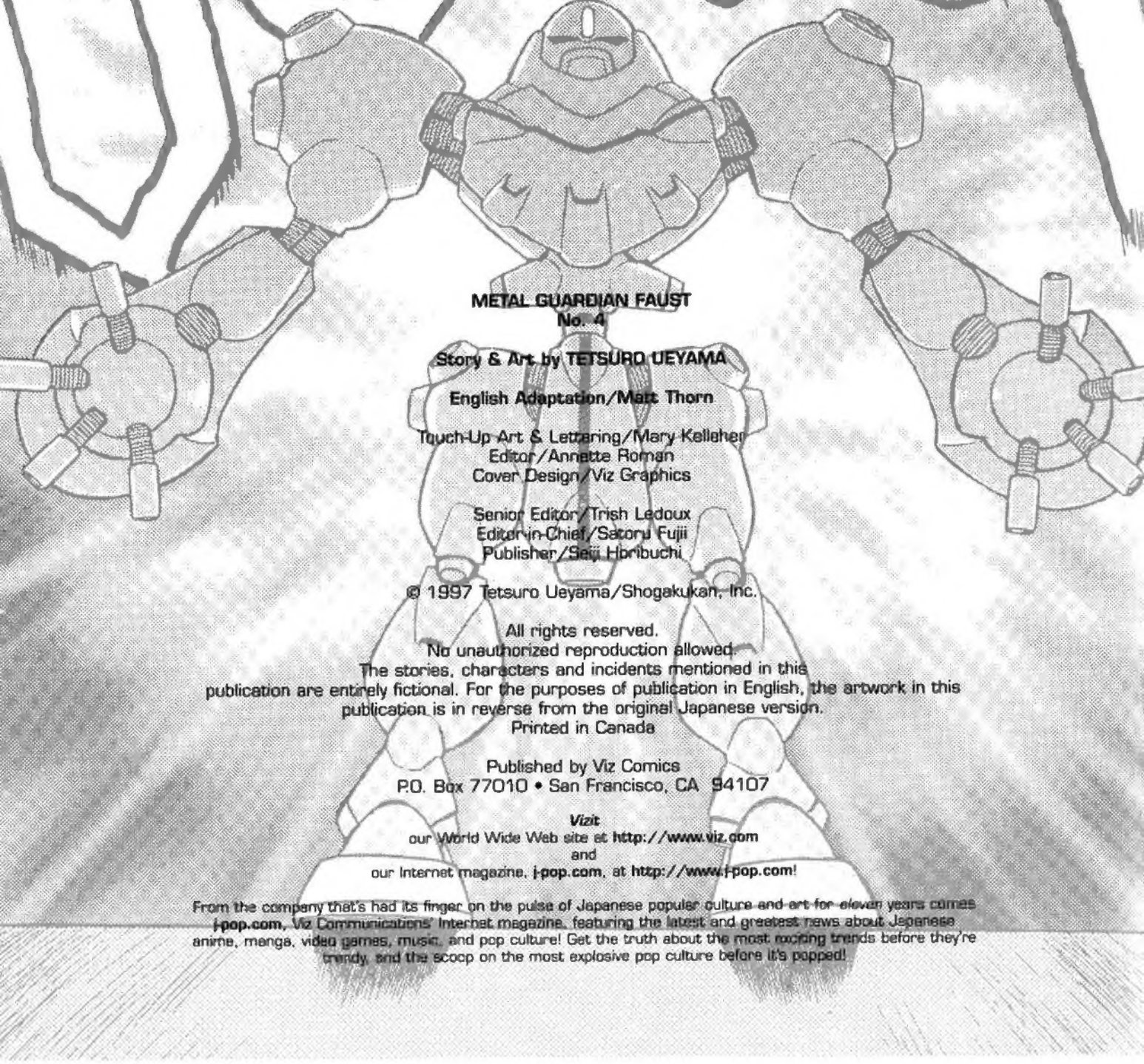

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The unforgettable story of a girl and her robot! When schoolgirl Rushiha is suddenly attacked by a humanoid robot, another robot appears out of the blue to rescue her! Who sent him? And why does he insist on staying on as her personal bodyguard?

Name: **SANTA GYOKYOJI**
Identity: PRESIDENT OF VENUS SOFT
Notes: Santa is Rushiha's father, as well as a leader in the field of artificial intelligence, the author of many books, and the holder of many patents. He sent Faust to protect Rushiha from Angel.

Name: **ANGEL**
Identity: ROBOT
Notes: Santa brought Angel to life, but now she is sending a team of robots to kidnap his flesh-and-blood daughter!

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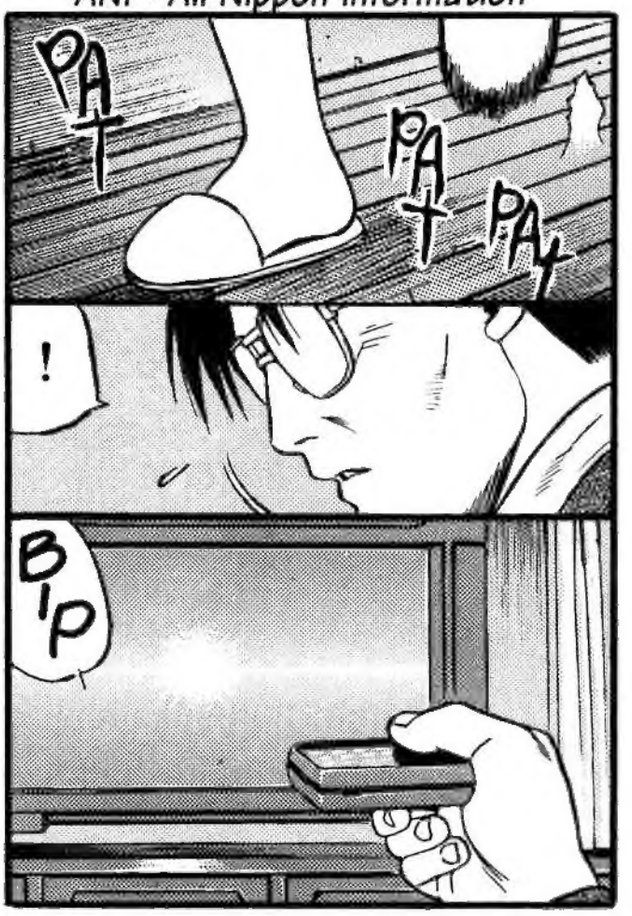
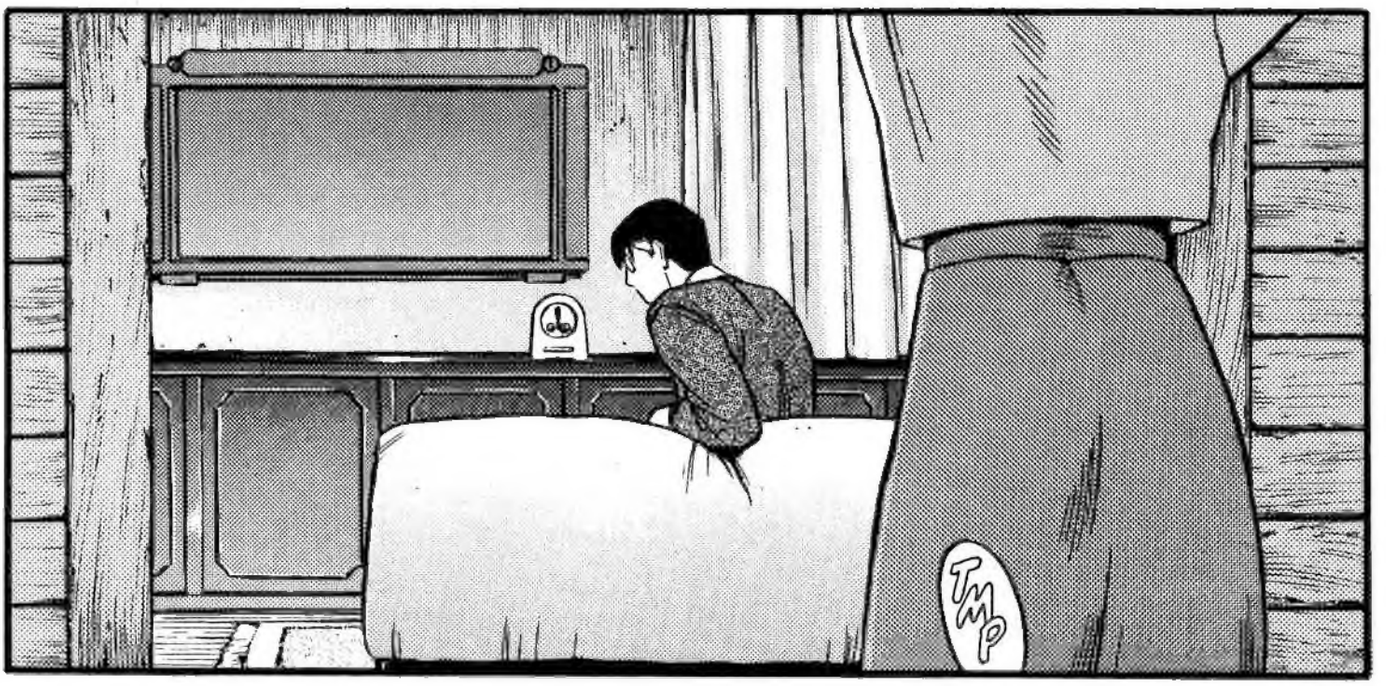
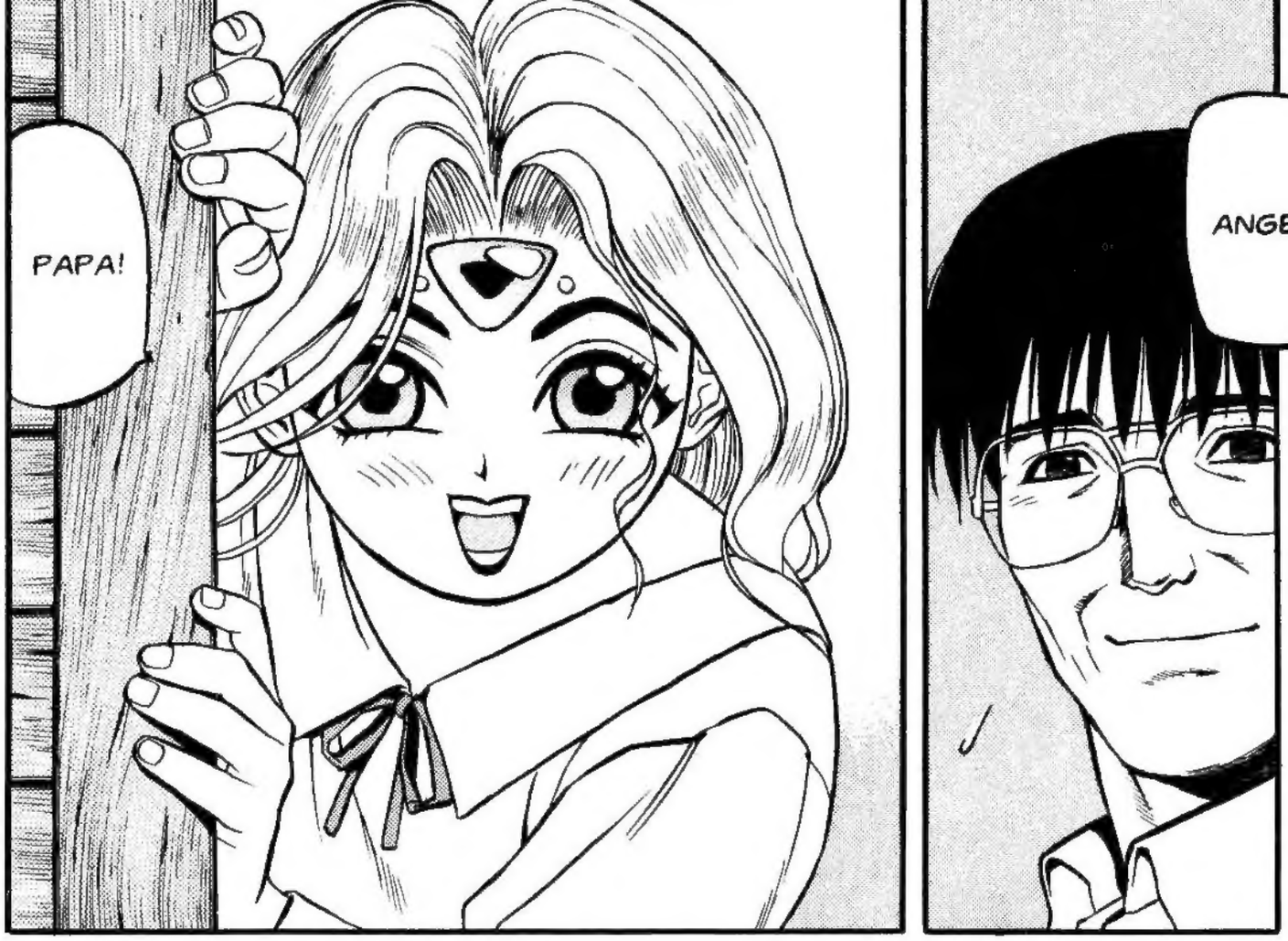
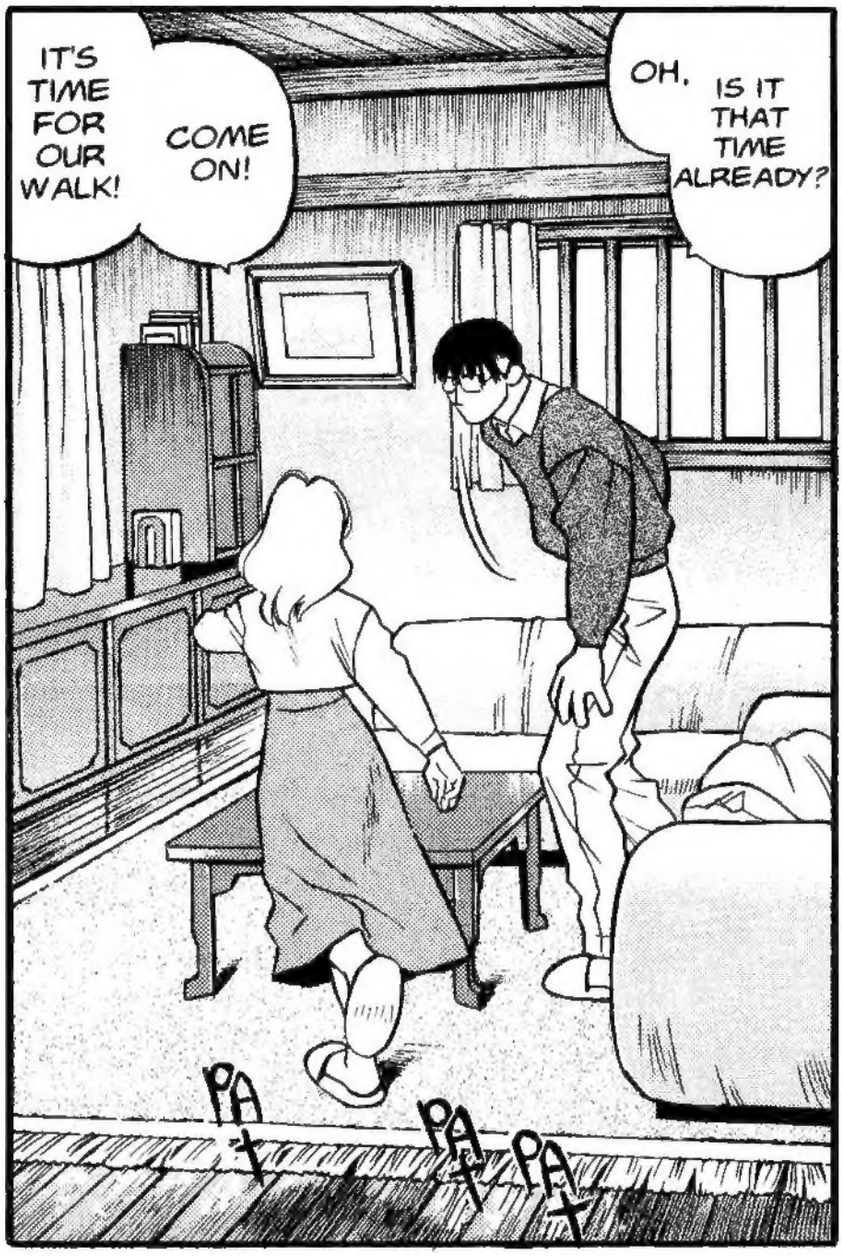





PAPA!
ANGEL.


IT'S TIME FOR OUR WALK!
COME ON!
OH. IS IT THAT TIME ALREADY?
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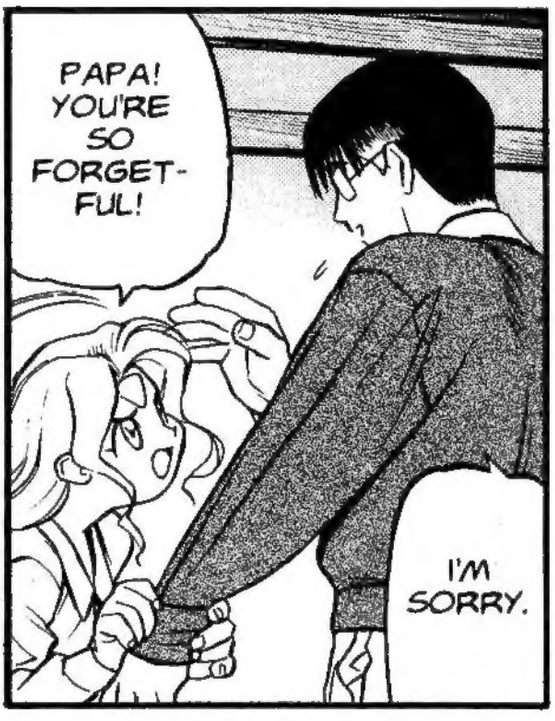
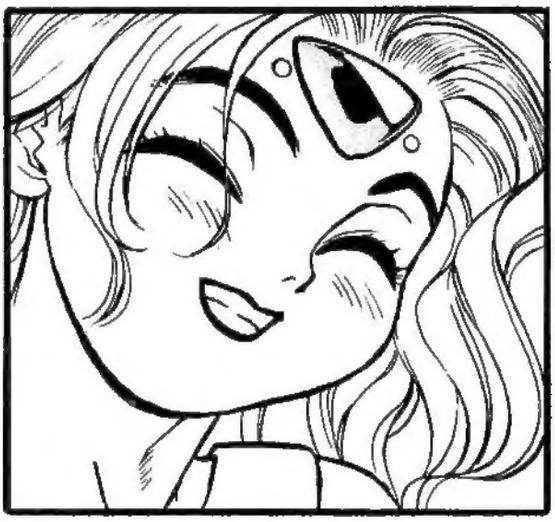
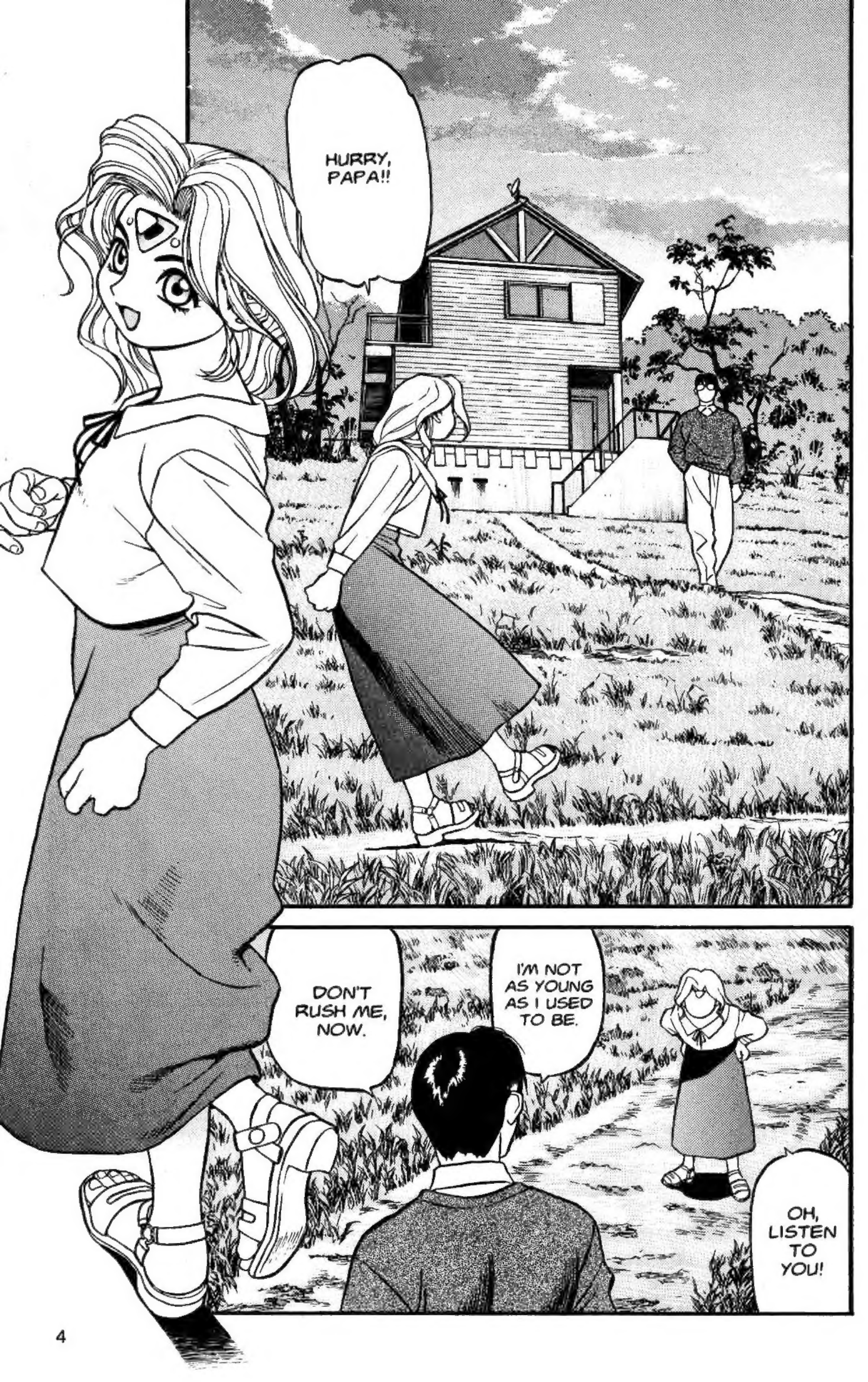
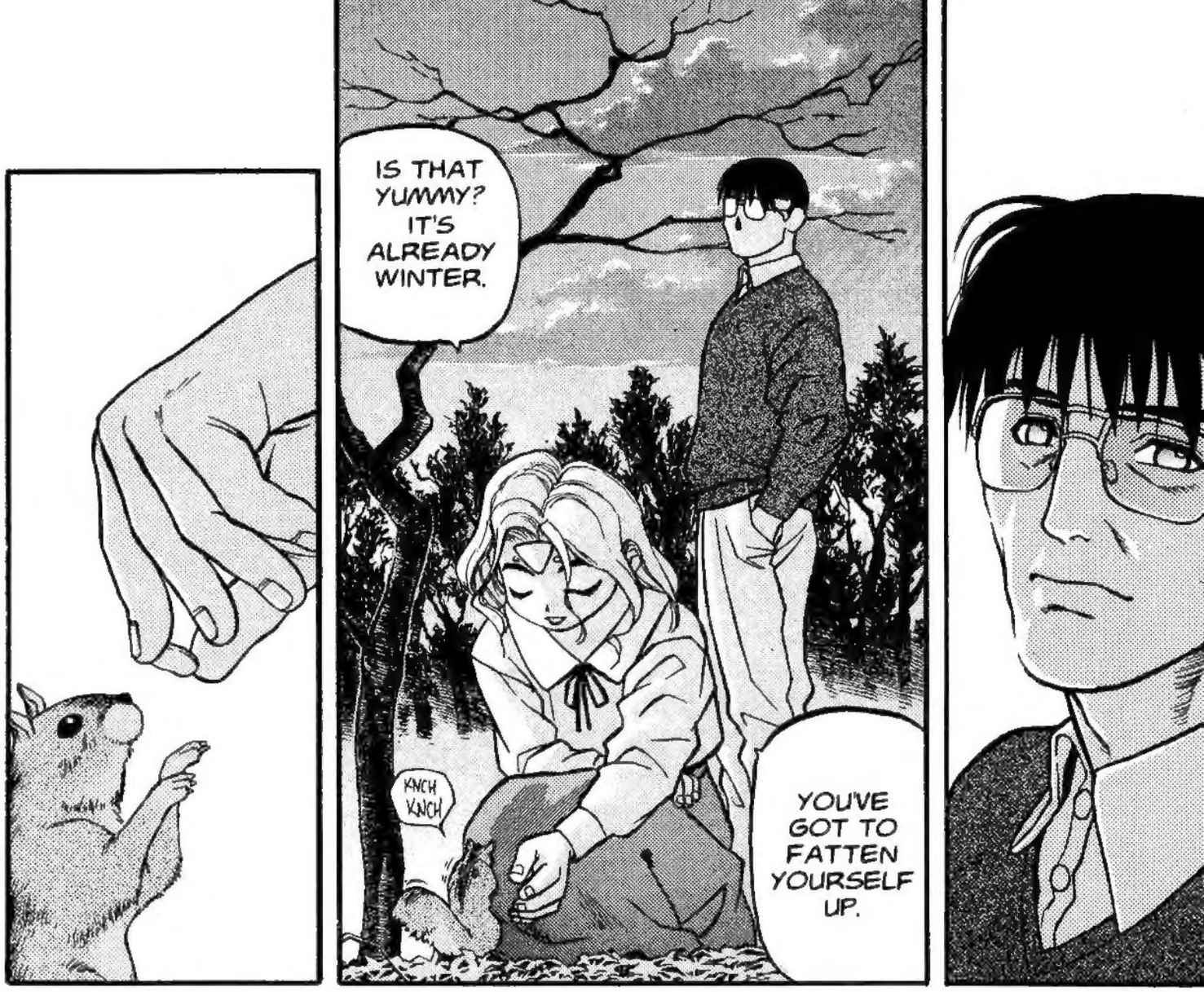
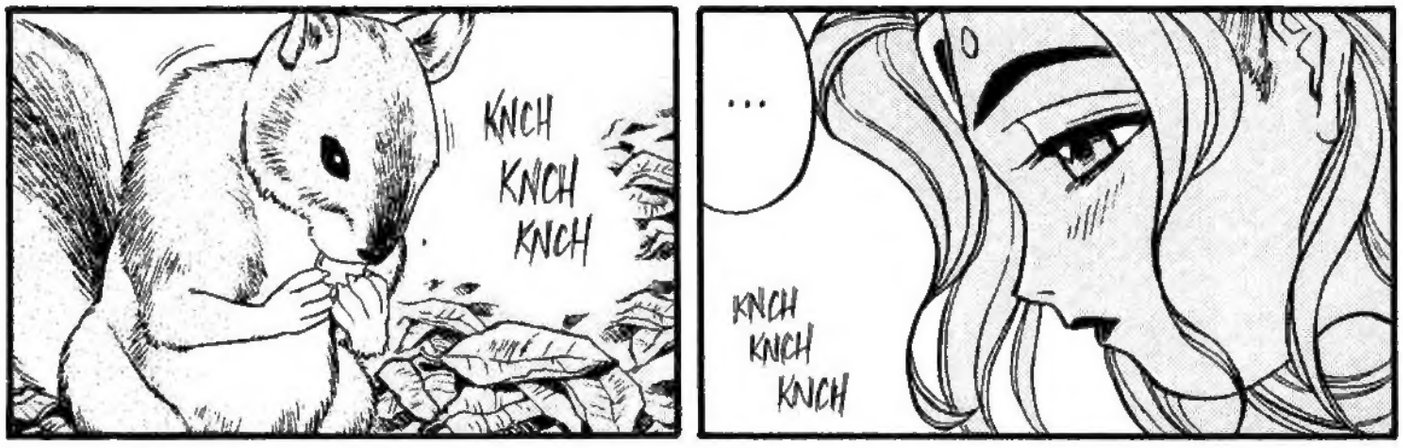

PAPA! YOU'RE SO FORGET-FUL!
I'M SORRY.




HURRY, PAPA!!
DON'T RUSH ME, NOW.
I'M NOT AS YOUNG AS I USED TO BE.
OH, LISTEN TO YOU!


IS THAT YUMMY? IT'S ALREADY WINTER.
KNCH KNCH
YOU'VE GOT TO FATTEN YOURSELF UP.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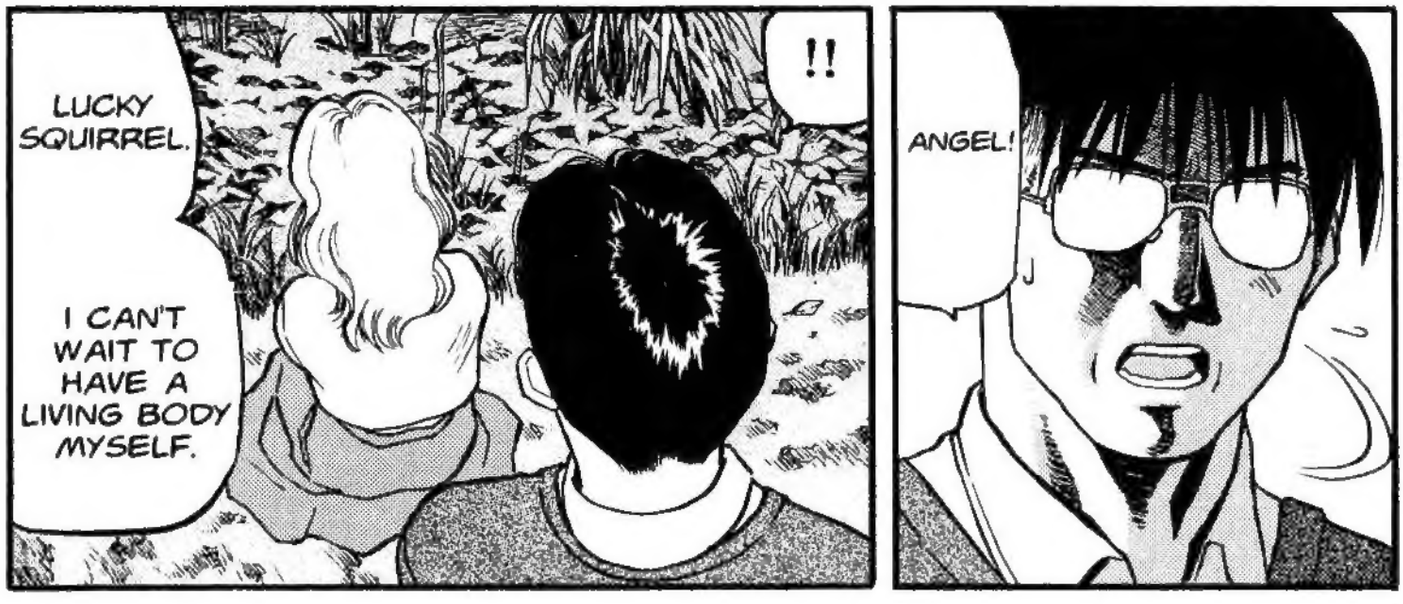
...
KNCH KNCH KNCH


LUCKY SQUIRREL.
I CAN'T WAIT TO HAVE A LIVING BODY MYSELF.
!!
ANGEL!

ARE YOU STILL THINKING ABOUT TRYING TO BECOME HUMAN!?
OF COURSE.
THAT'S WHY I MADE THE NINE ROBOTS MY "DISCIPLES."
BUT I UNDER-ESTIMATED YOU, PAPA.
I THOUGHT I GOT ALL OF R.R.'S ROBOTS...
...BUT YOU HAD ANOTHER ONE HIDDEN AWAY.
"FAUST," ISN'T IT?
HE'S A GOOD COMBAT ROBOT...
...BUT HE CAN'T HOLD OUT FOREVER!
SK SH
Glubbb
ANGEL !!
STOP THIS FOOLISH-NESS!
I'M TELLING YOU, YOU'RE NOT HUMAN!
NO!!
BUT I WILL BECOME HUMAN!!

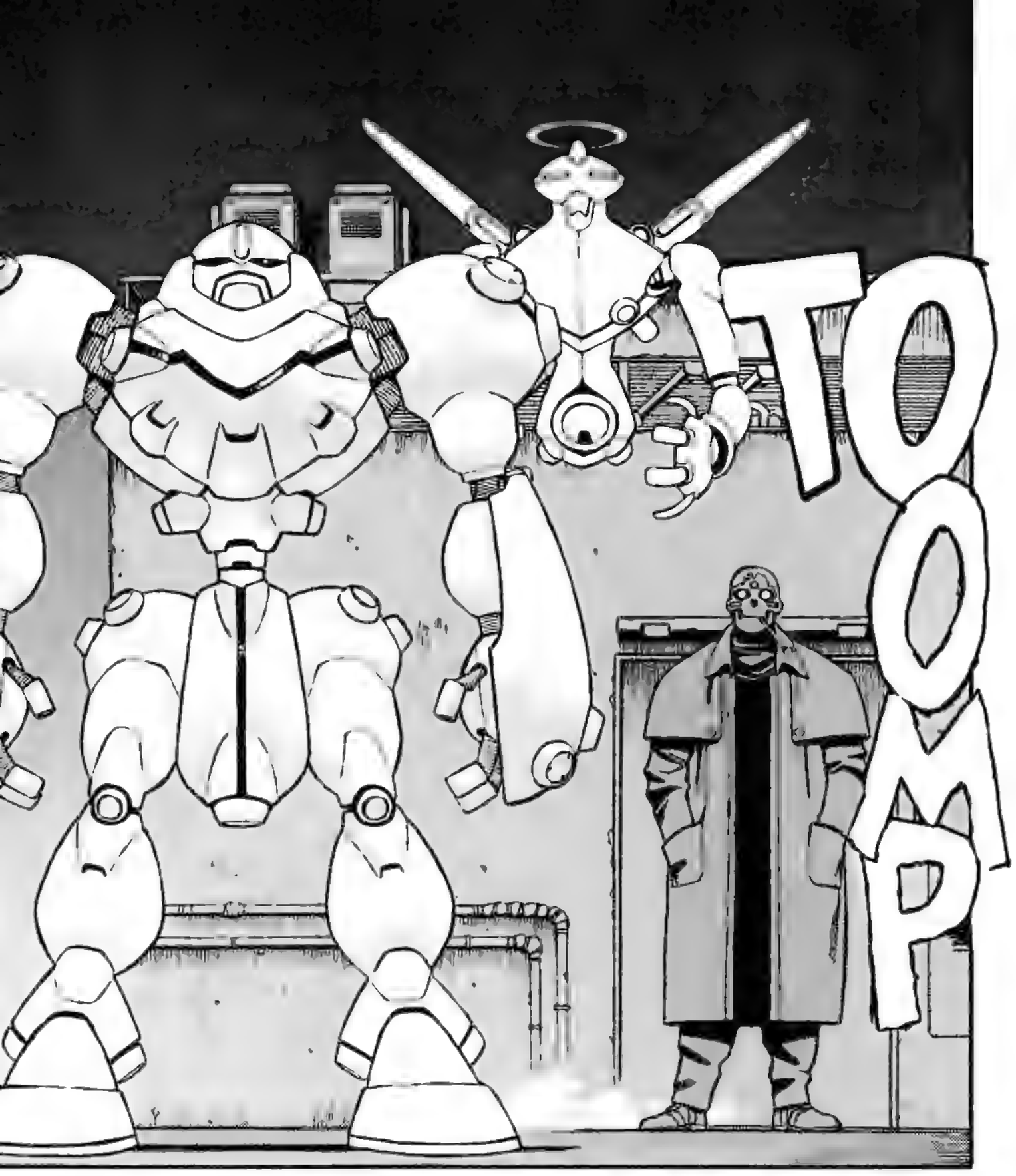
THAT'S RIGHT.
AN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE NEARLY IDENTICAL TO A HUMAN MIND!
THAT WAS YOUR CONCEPT, WASN'T IT, PAPA?
I'M JUST TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH THAT.
JUST...
...DON'T HURT RUSHIHA.
PLEASE!!
IT'S TOO LATE.
CUPID HAS ALREADY DETECTED RUSHIHA.
ANG
...
...

TMP
PAPA!
WHY DO YOU BOTHER ?
TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP
SKSH
!!
OOSH
TMP
SKSH

RRR
...
SKSHH
THAT'S ENOUGH, PRANCER.
WHEN WILL YOU GET IT, PAPA?
THERE'S NO WAY TO ESCAPE FROM HERE.
PLEASE, PAPA, DON'T DO THIS!
I DON'T WANT TO HURT YOU.
ANGEL...

I'M GOING TO MAKE MY DREAM COME TRUE.
UNTIL THEN, I WON'T LET ANYONE GET IN MY WAY.
NOT EVEN YOU, PAPA.
GO, MY DISCIPLES.
CUPID! DONNER! BLITZ!!
I-I-I'M IN A MOO-O-O FER LOVE!!
'IMPLY 'CAUSE YOU'RE 'EAR ME-E-E!! BURP
TIK

OOPS!
WHUMP
UNH
TIP
WHA—?
HUH?
Pit
H-HEY, GIVE IT 'ERE, FELLA!
'AT'S MY...
...
TOK
TOK
TOK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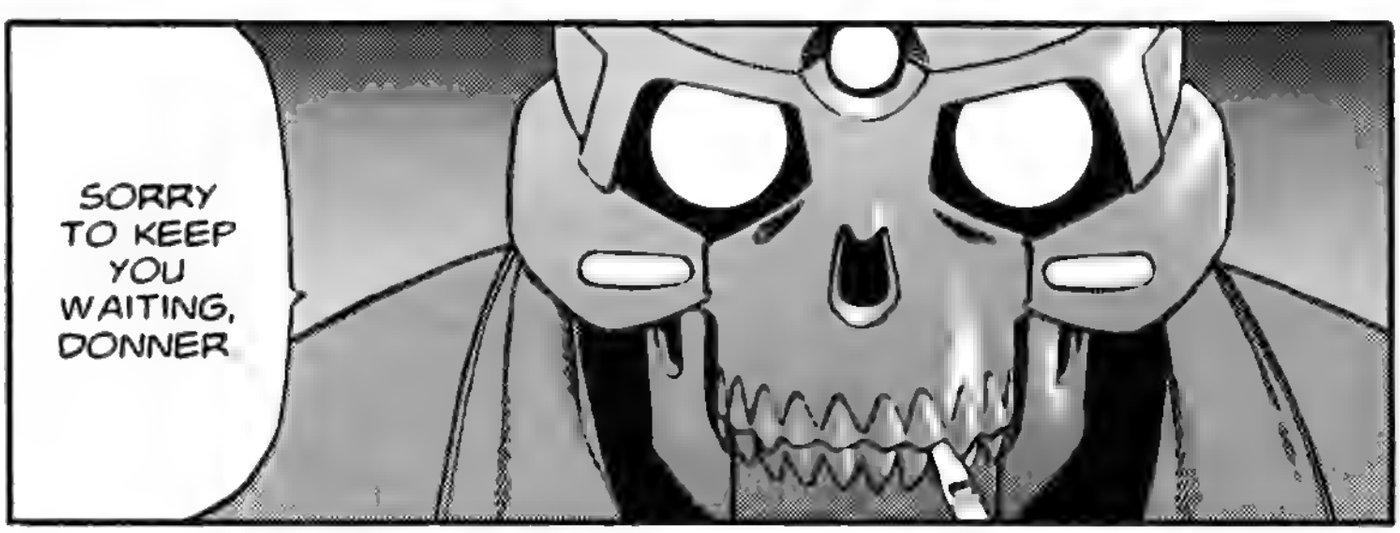
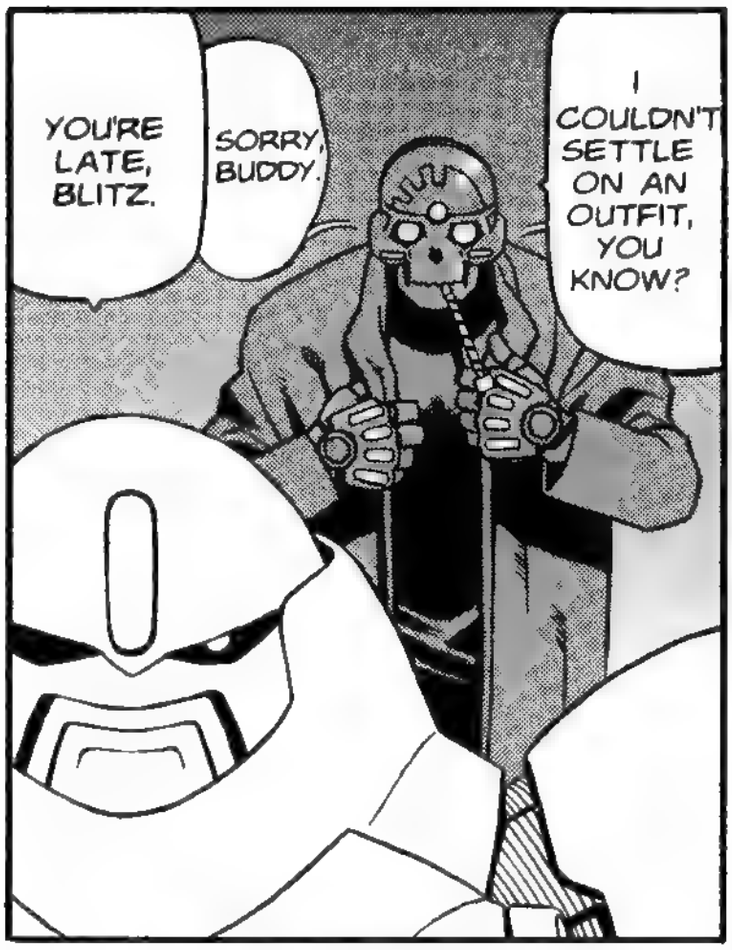
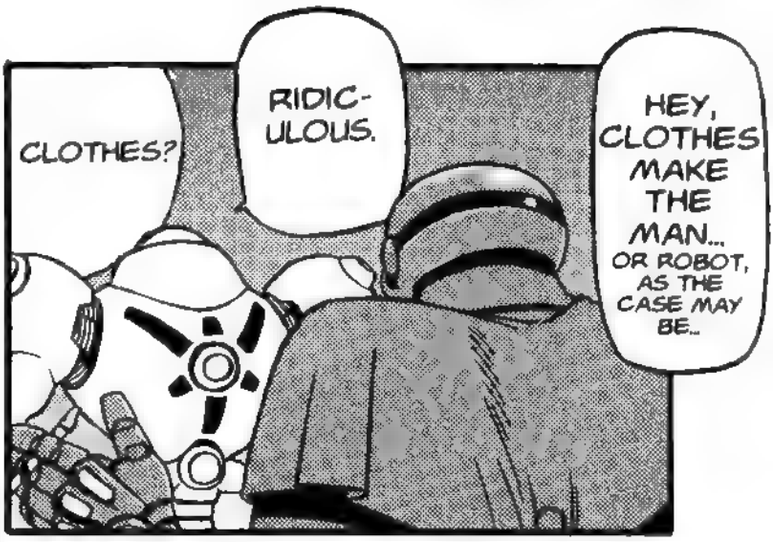
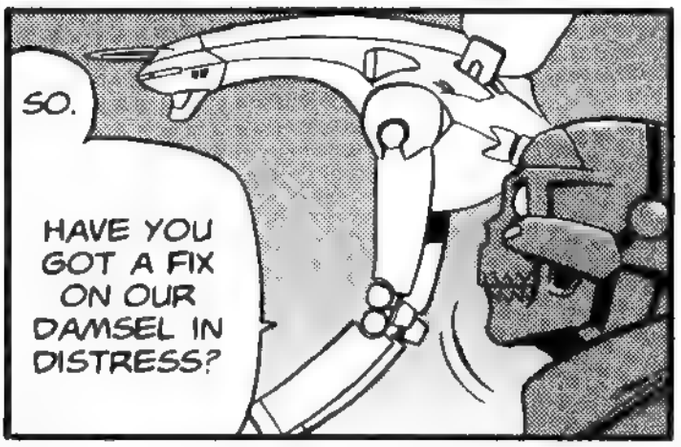
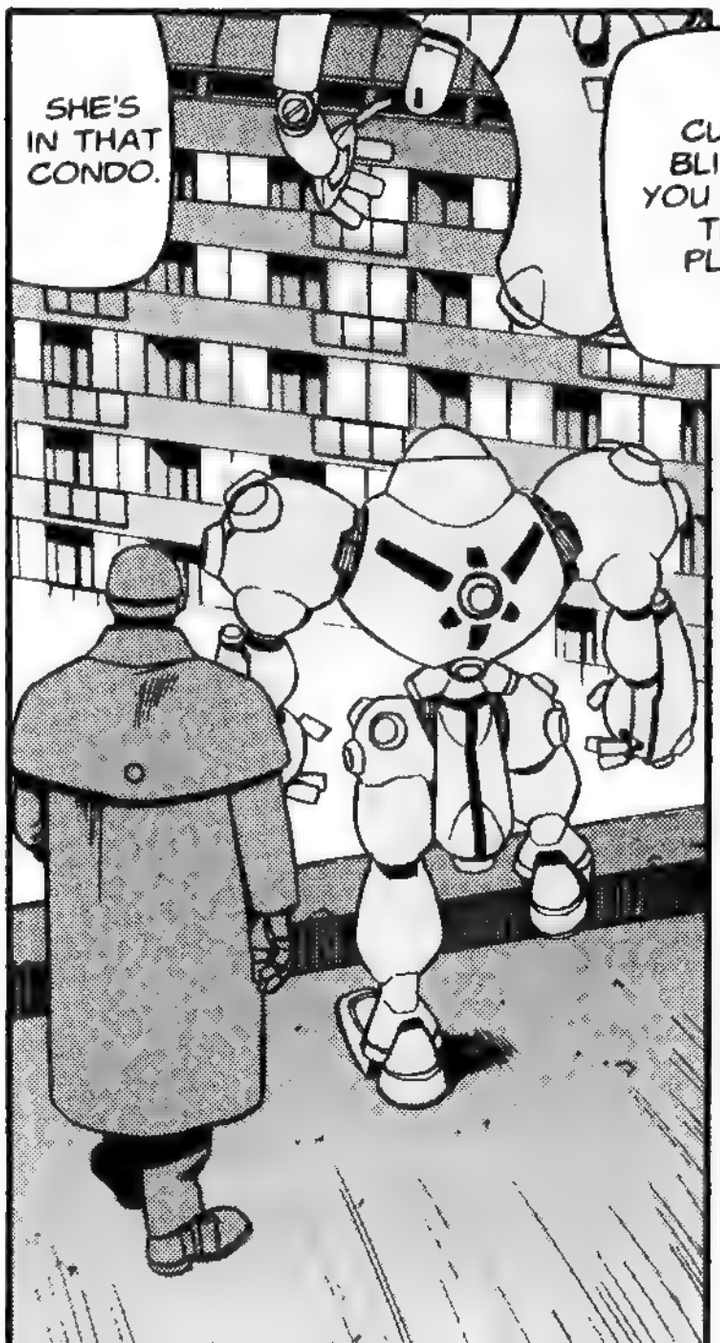
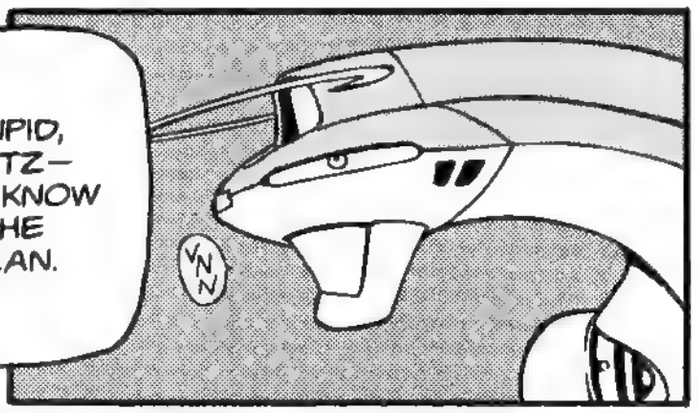

SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING, DONNER

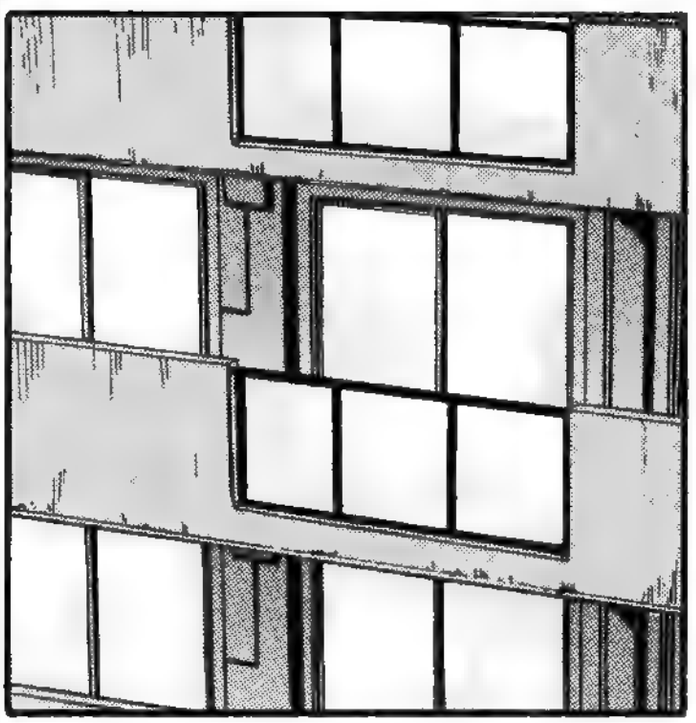

YOU'RE LATE, BLITZ.
SORRY, BUDDY.
I COULDN'T SETTLE ON AN OUTFIT, YOU KNOW?


CLOTHES?
RIDIC-ULOUS.
HEY, CLOTHES MAKE THE MAN... OR ROBOT, AS THE CASE MAY BE...


SO.
HAVE YOU GOT A FIX ON OUR DAMSEL IN DISTRESS?

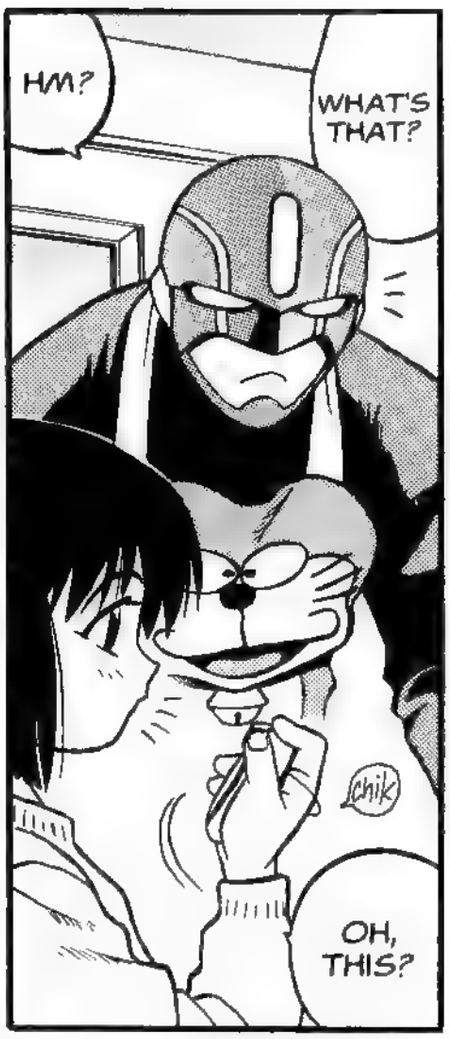

SHE'S IN THAT CONDO.

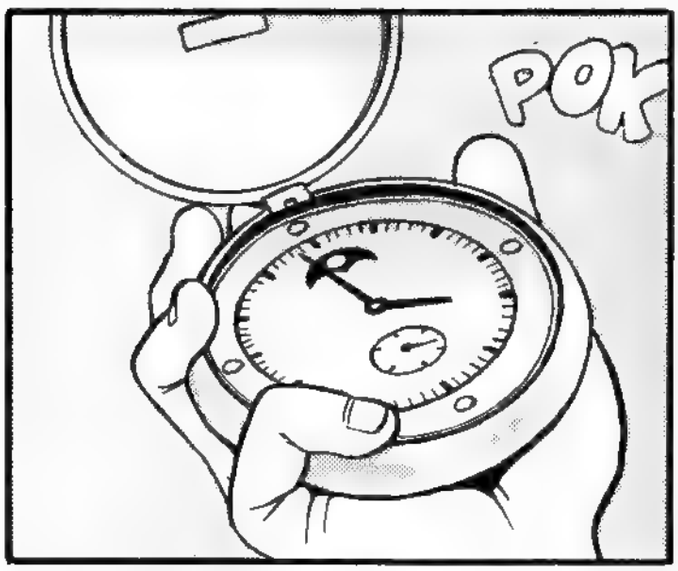

CUPID, BLITZ— YOU KNOW THE PLAN.



<SIGH>
WHAT A DRAG.
RUSHIHA.
CHAK
TUMP
DINNER'S READY.

BWA, HA, HA! THAT DORAEMON APRON IS YOU!
DON'T LAUGH!!
THIS IS ALL THERE WAS!


HM?
WHAT'S THAT?
Ichik
OH, THIS?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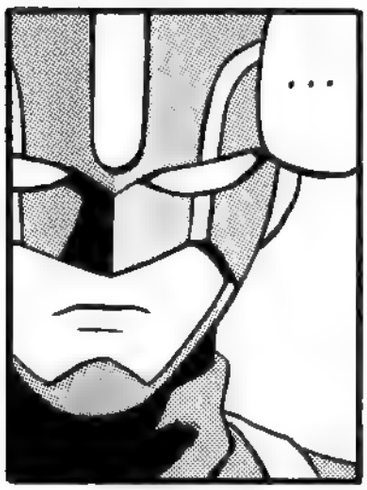
IT'S A KEEPSAKE FROM MY MOTHER.
SHE DIED WHEN I WAS JUST A BABY.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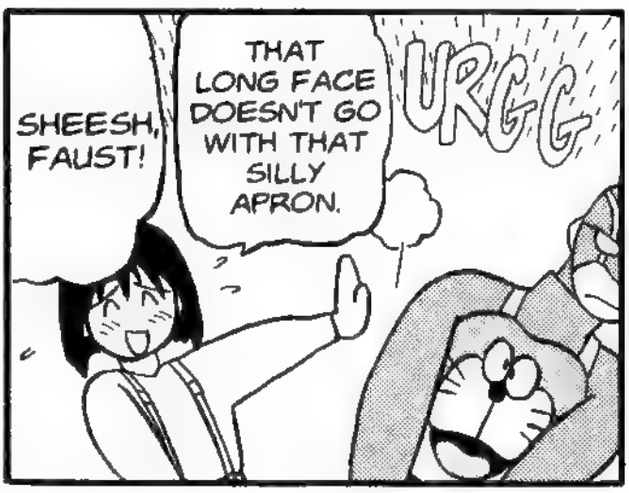
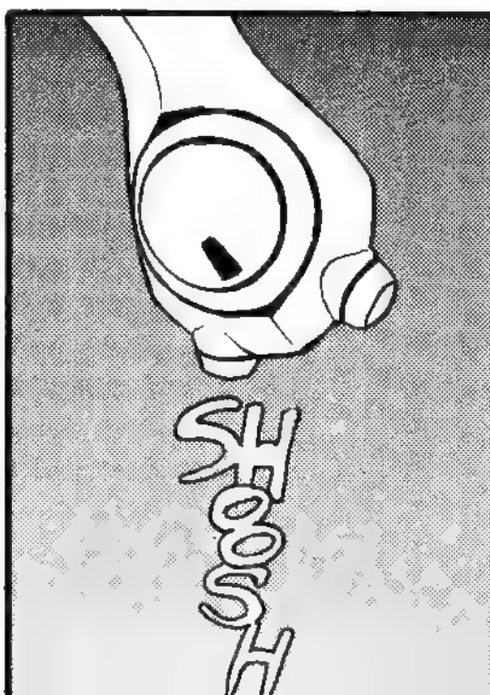

SHEESH, FAUST!
THAT LONG FACE DOESN'T GO WITH THAT SILLY APRON.
URGG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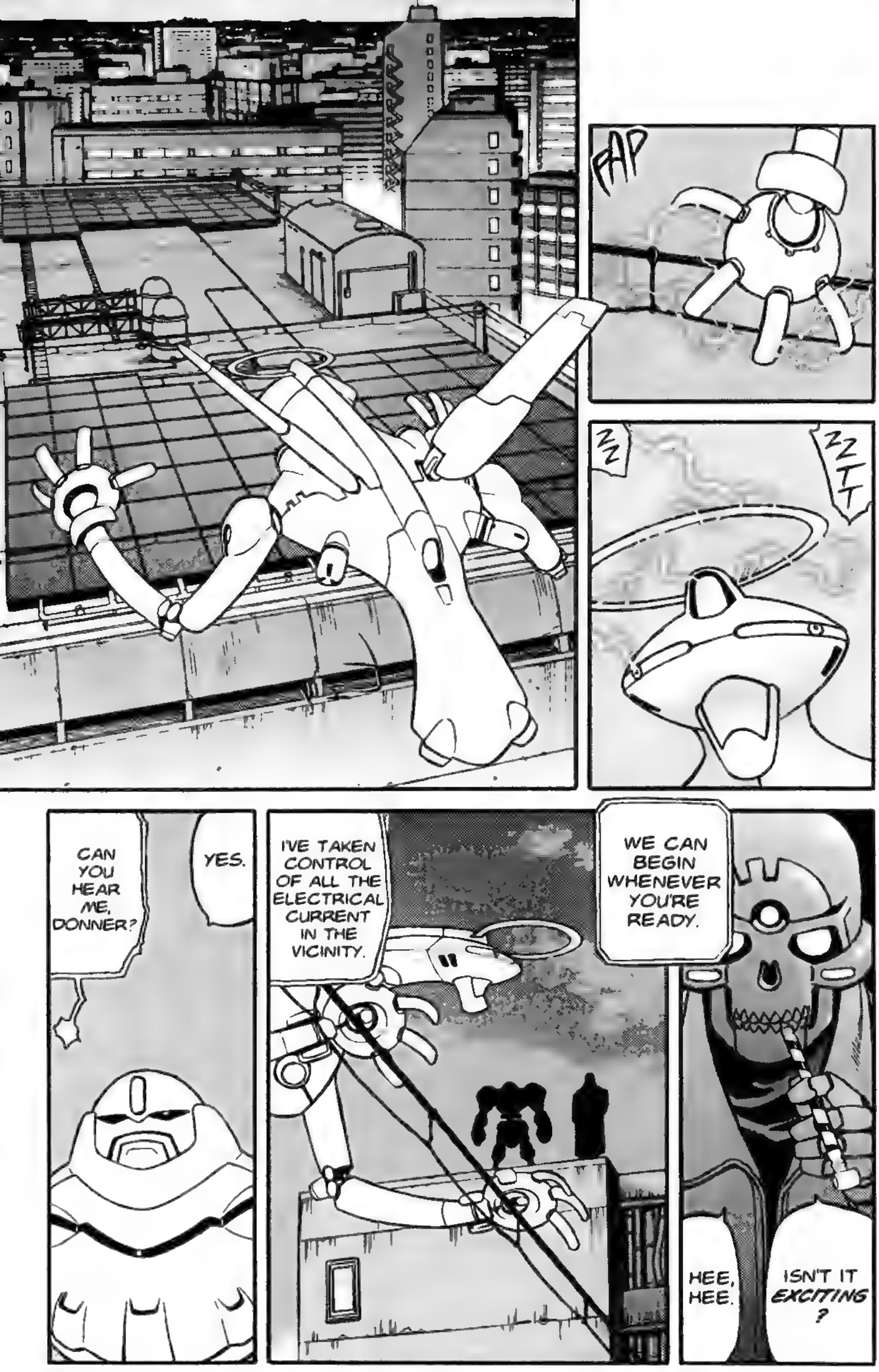
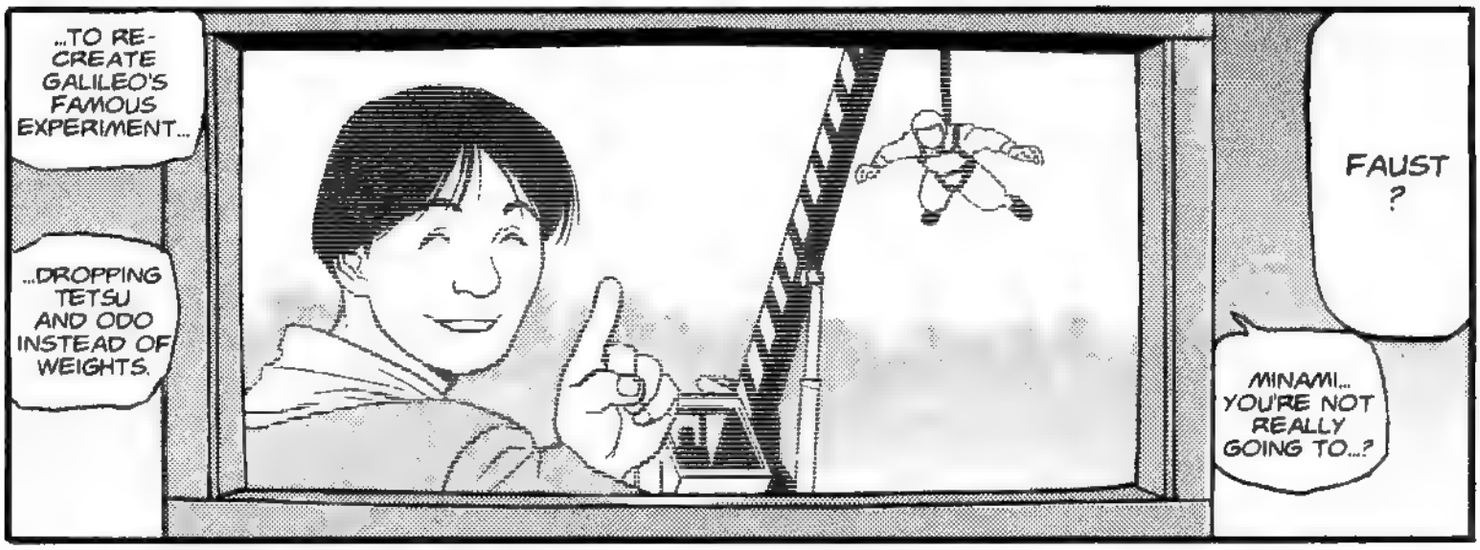
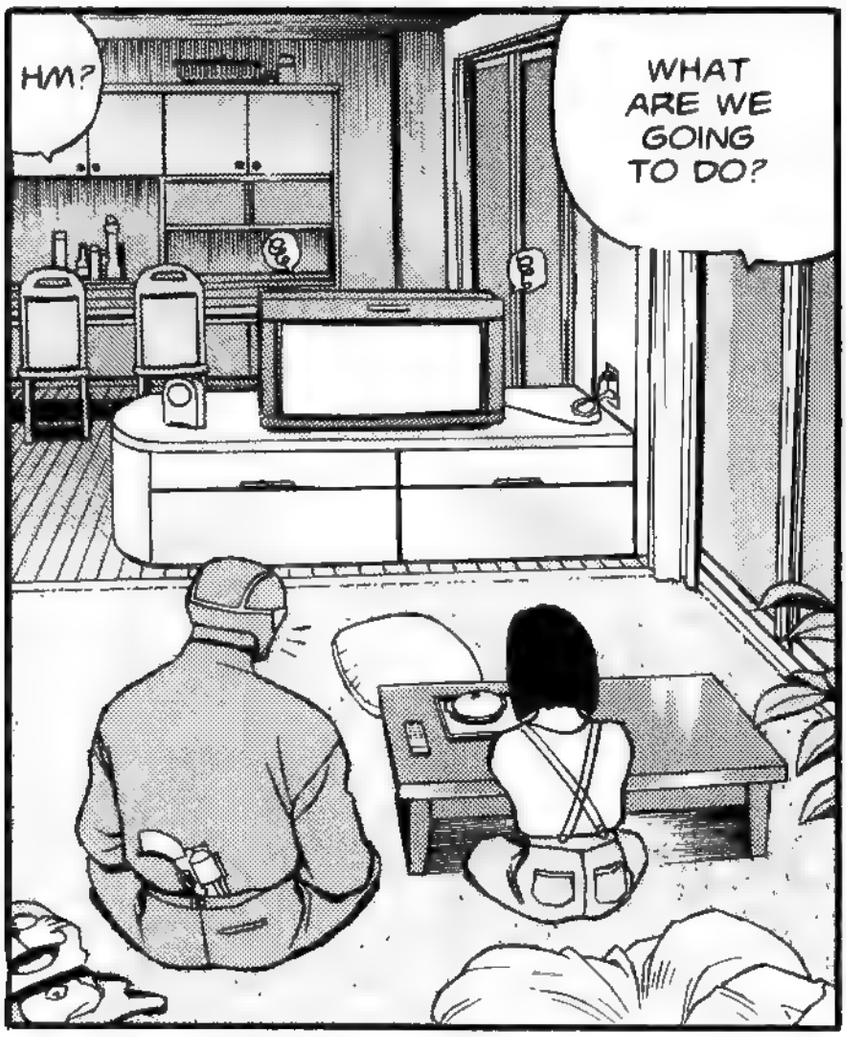
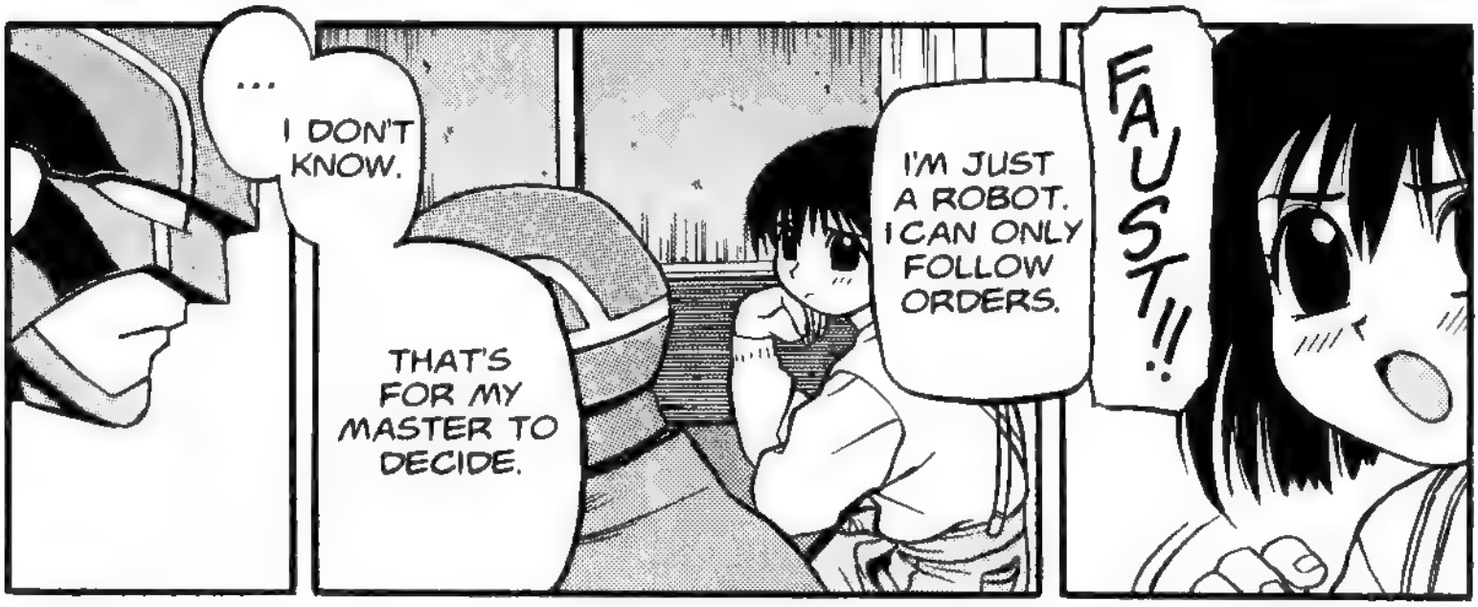

FAP
ZZ
ZZTT
CAN YOU HEAR ME, DONNER?
YES.
I'VE TAKEN CONTROL OF ALL THE ELECTRICAL CURRENT IN THE VICINITY.
WE CAN BEGIN WHENEVER YOU'RE READY.
HEE, HEE.
ISN'T IT EXCITING?


...TO RE-CREATE GALILEO'S FAMOUS EXPERIMENT...
...DROPPING TETSU AND ODO INSTEAD OF WEIGHTS.
FAUST ?
MINAMI... YOU'RE NOT REALLY GOING TO...?


HM?
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?

DO WE JUST KEEP LOOKING FOR EMPTY HOMES TO HIDE IN...
...AND FIGHT WHEN-EVER THE ENEMY SHOWS UP...
FOR THE REST OF OUR LIVES?
SHOULDN'T WE BE TAKING SOME KIND OF INITIATIVE OURSELVES?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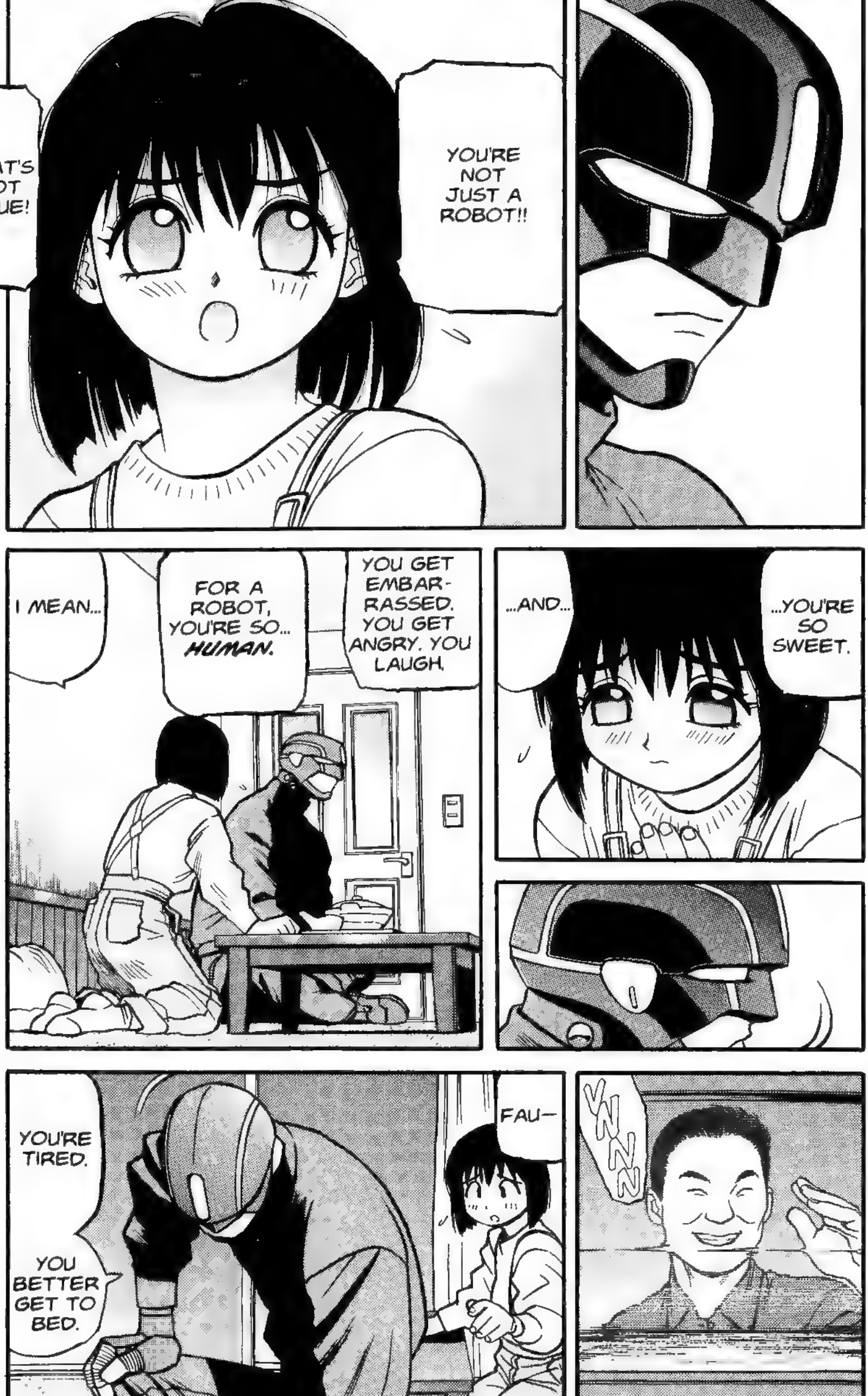
I DON'T KNOW.
THAT'S FOR MY MASTER TO DECIDE.
I'M JUST A ROBOT. I CAN ONLY FOLLOW ORDERS.
FAUST!!


THAT'S NOT TRUE!
YOU'RE NOT JUST A ROBOT!!
I MEAN...
FOR A ROBOT, YOU'RE SO... HUMAN.
YOU GET EMBAR-RASSED. YOU GET ANGRY. YOU LAUGH.
...AND...
...YOU'RE SO SWEET.
YOU'RE TIRED.
YOU BETTER GET TO BED.
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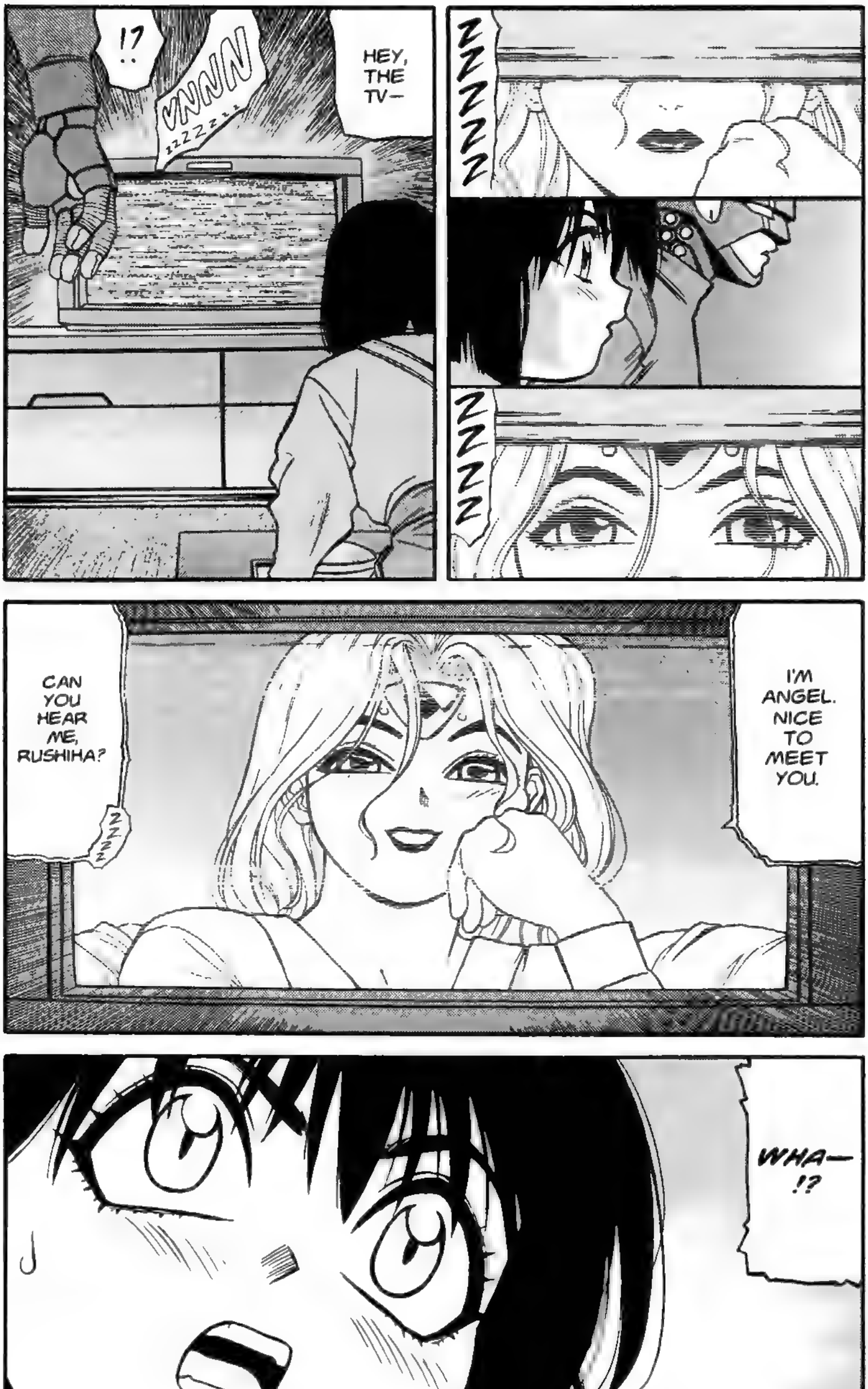
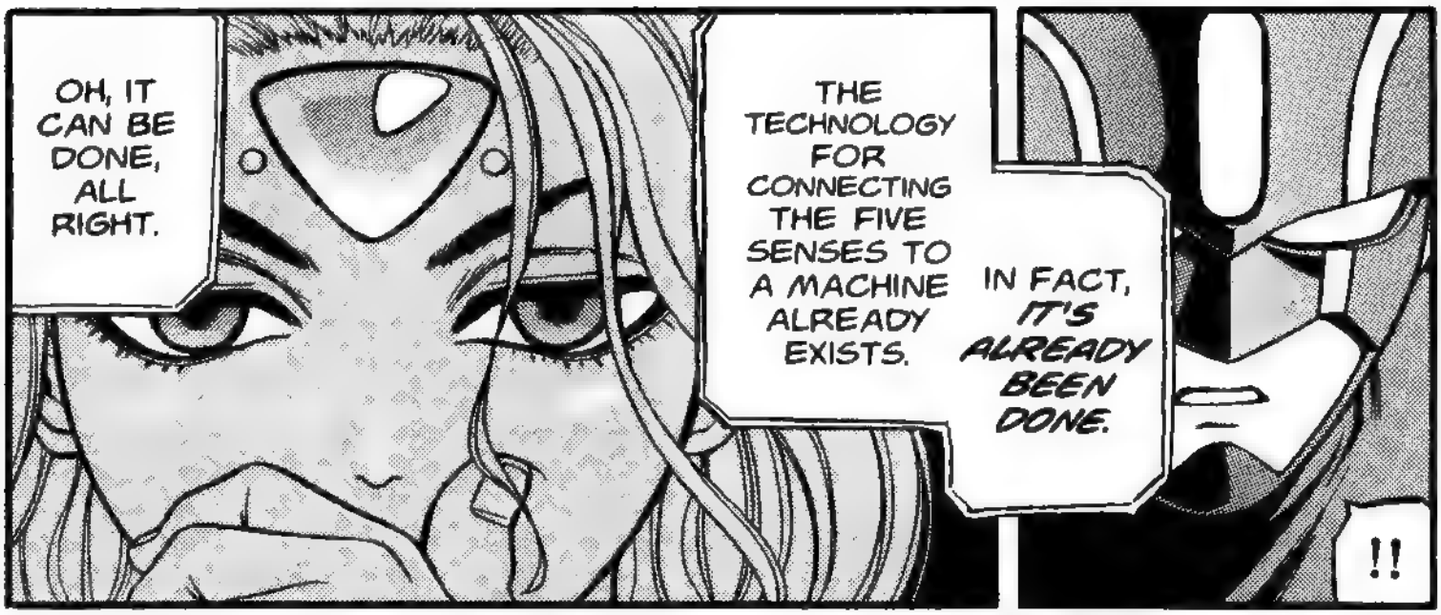
YNNN

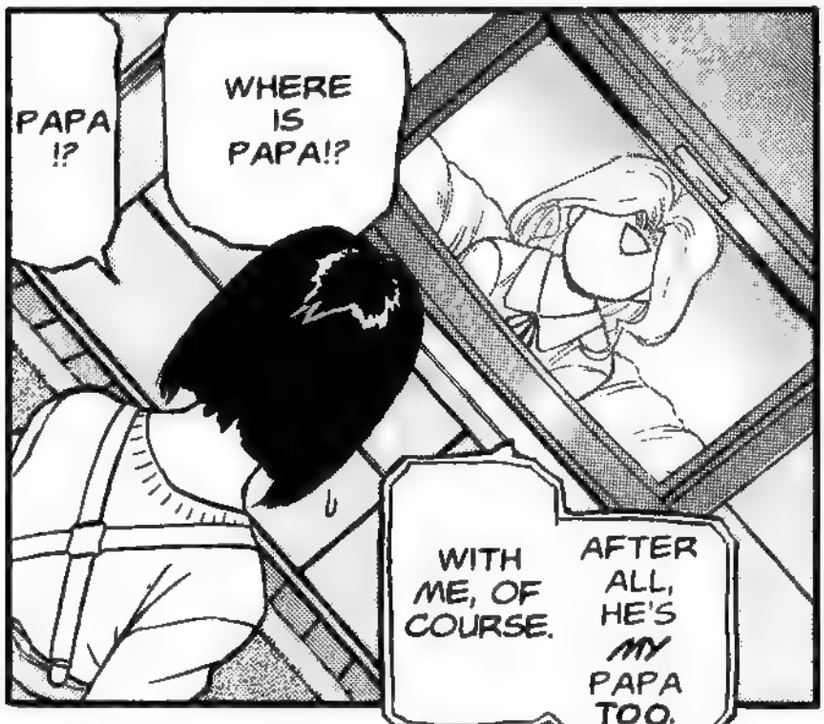

!?
VNNN
HEY, THE TV—
ZZZZZ
ZZZZ
CAN YOU HEAR ME, RUSHIHA?
ZZZZ
I'M ANGEL. NICE TO MEET YOU.
WHA—!?

A-
ANGEL!?
TMP
UM... I THOUGHT WE SHOULD TALK ABOUT THIS FACE TO FACE.
?
TALK ABOUT WHAT?
YOU KNOW.
WHAT DANCER TOLD YOU ABOUT.
MY GOAL...
...OF BECOMING HUMAN...
...WITH THE HELP OF YOUR BODY, RUSHIA.
WHOA!!
JUST A MINUTE!
DO YOU HAVE A SCREW LOOSE?
A ROBOT BECOMING HUMAN!?
TIME TO WAKE UP AND SMELL THE WD-40, SISTER.


OH, IT CAN BE DONE, ALL RIGHT.
THE TECHNOLOGY FOR CONNECTING THE FIVE SENSES TO A MACHINE ALREADY EXISTS.
IN FACT, IT'S ALREADY BEEN DONE.
!!

I'M TIRED OF THIS SO-CALLED LIFE.
NO SENSE OF TASTE OR SMELL.
I CAN'T EVEN FEEL PAIN!

I MEAN, IT'S JUST NOT FAIR.
WE BOTH SHARE THE SAME FATHER, BUT ONLY YOU ARE HUMAN.
FATHER !?

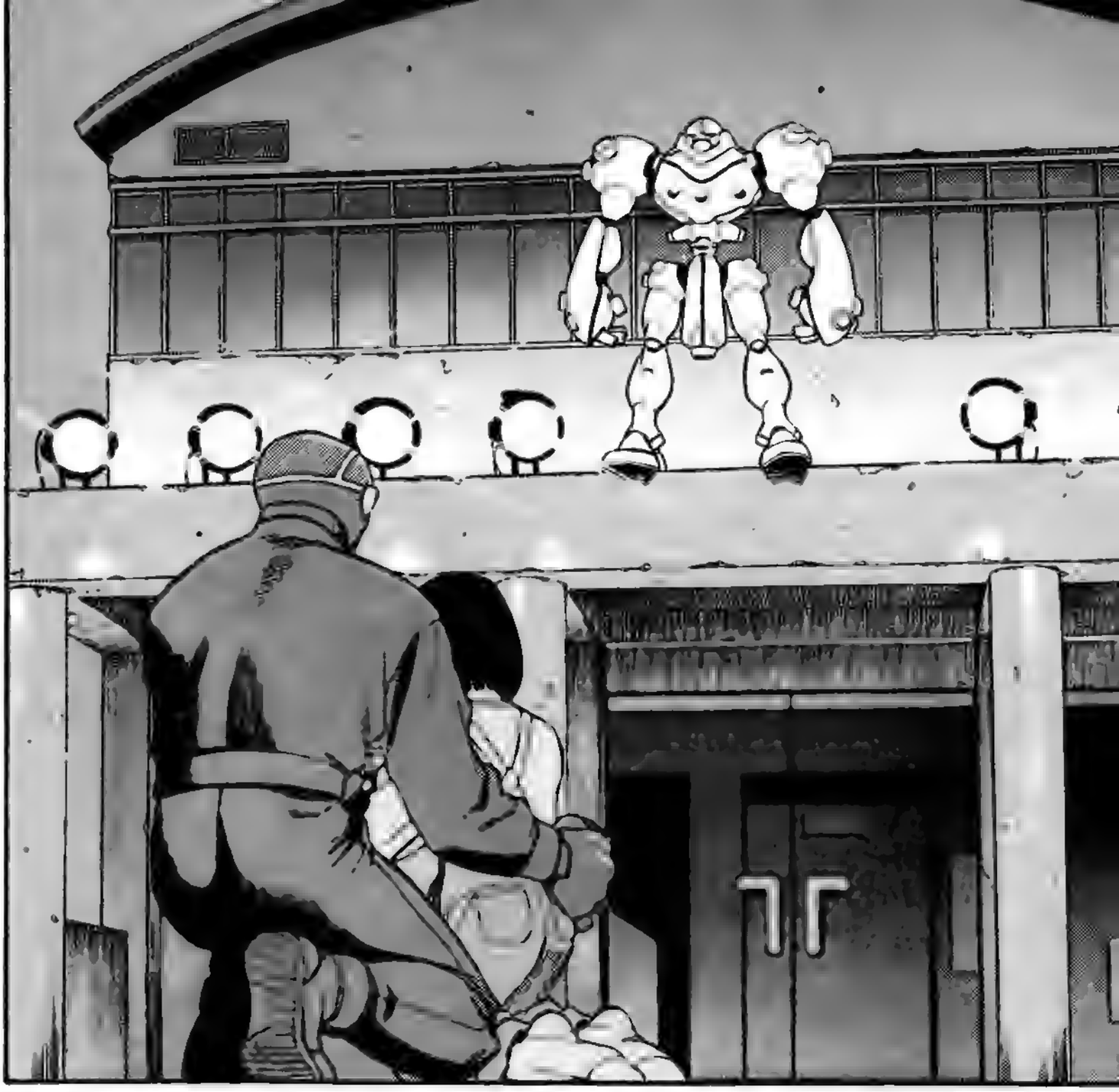

PAPA !?
WHERE IS PAPA!?
WITH ME, OF COURSE.
AFTER ALL, HE'S MY PAPA TOO.

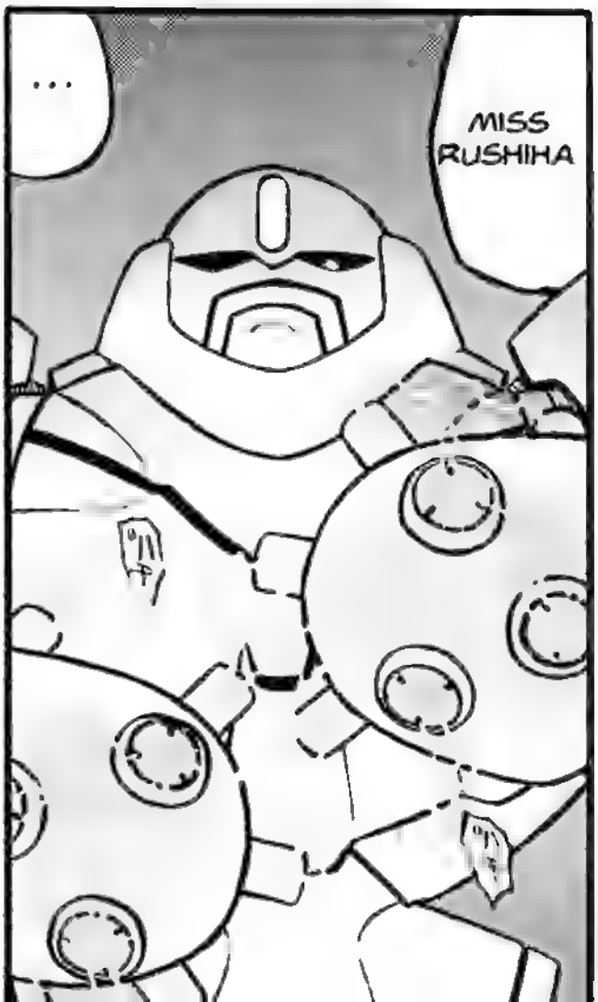
COME ON, RUSHIHA.
CAN'T I BORROW THAT BODY OF YOURS? JUST FOR A BIT?

IT'S NO BIG DEAL! WE JUST SWITCH YOUR CORTICO-CEREBRUM WITH MY TERMINALS FOR A LITTLE WHILE!
I PROMISE IT WON'T HURT.
WELL, IT'LL PUT PRESSURE ON YOUR PALEO-CORTEX AND YOU'LL LOSE YOUR MEMORY, BUT—
LET ME SEE PAPA!
HM?
I WANT TO SEE...
...MY PAPA !!
HMPH.
SO...
...YOU'RE NOT GOING TO LISTEN.
TOO BAD.
KLAK

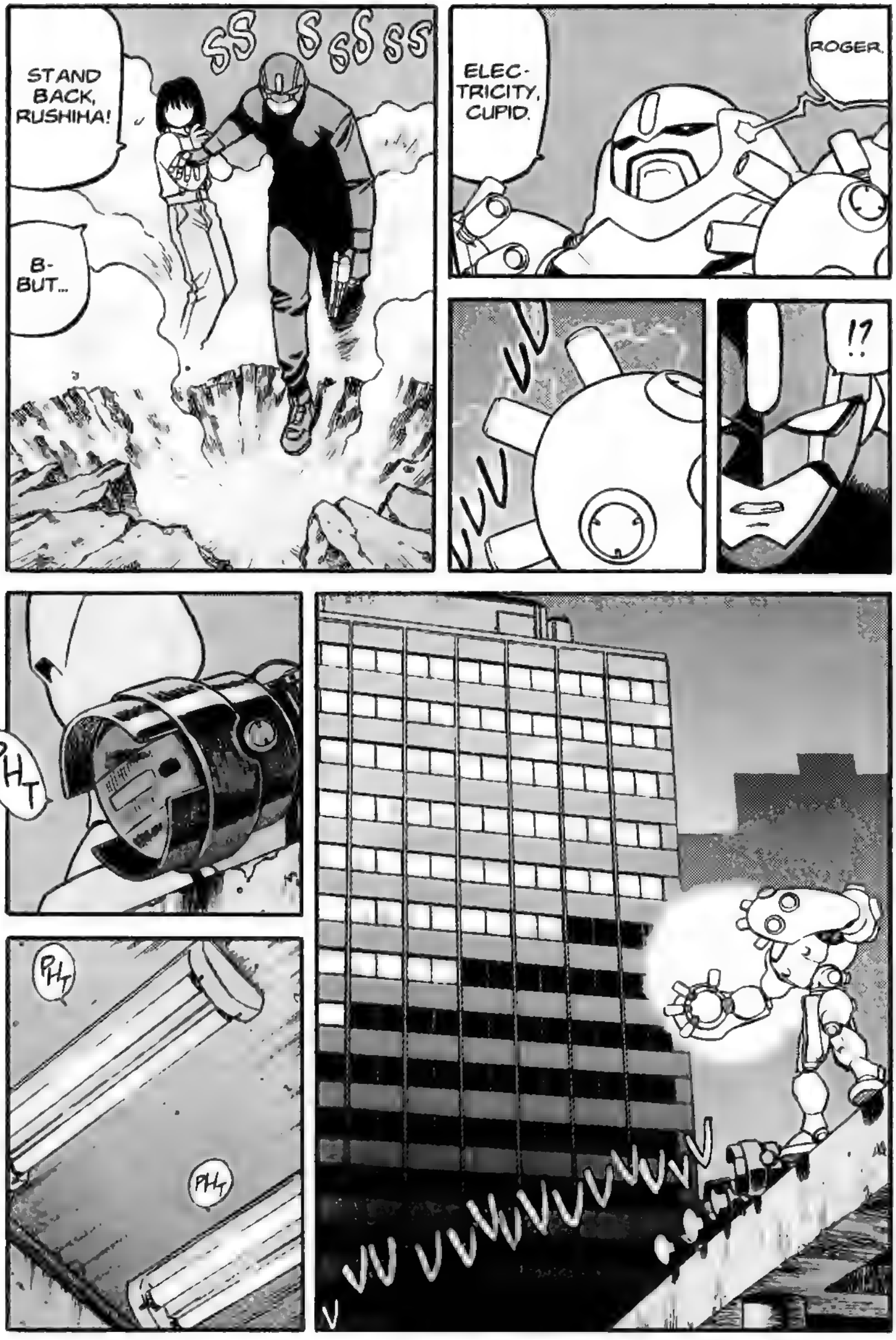
BB-BAM
WHA—
!?

SHHH
TUMP!
PHEW.
KLAK
!!




...
MISS RUSHIHA

BOH!
BBBLAM
OUR MASTER HAS ABANDONED THE POSSIBILITY OF NEGOTIATION.
WHICH MEANS..
BYUN!
BYUN!
...WE ARE FORCED TO RESORT TO EXTREME MEASURES.
DOOSH


STAND BACK, RUSHIHA!
B-BUT...
SS SSSS SS
ELEC-TRICITY, CUPID.
ROGER.
!?
PHT
PHT
PHT

THE LIGHTS
VVVWVUV
OH, DEAR!
COOL! A BLACK-OUT!
NO-O-O!! I DIDN'T SAVE YET!!
THEY'RE ALL GOING OUT!
HE MUST BE DRAINING ALL THE POWER OFF!
ZZZZZZZZ

META-
TRON
ZONE!!
WOOSH

A-AN AURORA I?
EAT THIS!
FAPP
ZZT+

KR
AHHH!
AK
FAUST!?
WHA—
WHAT IS THIS!?
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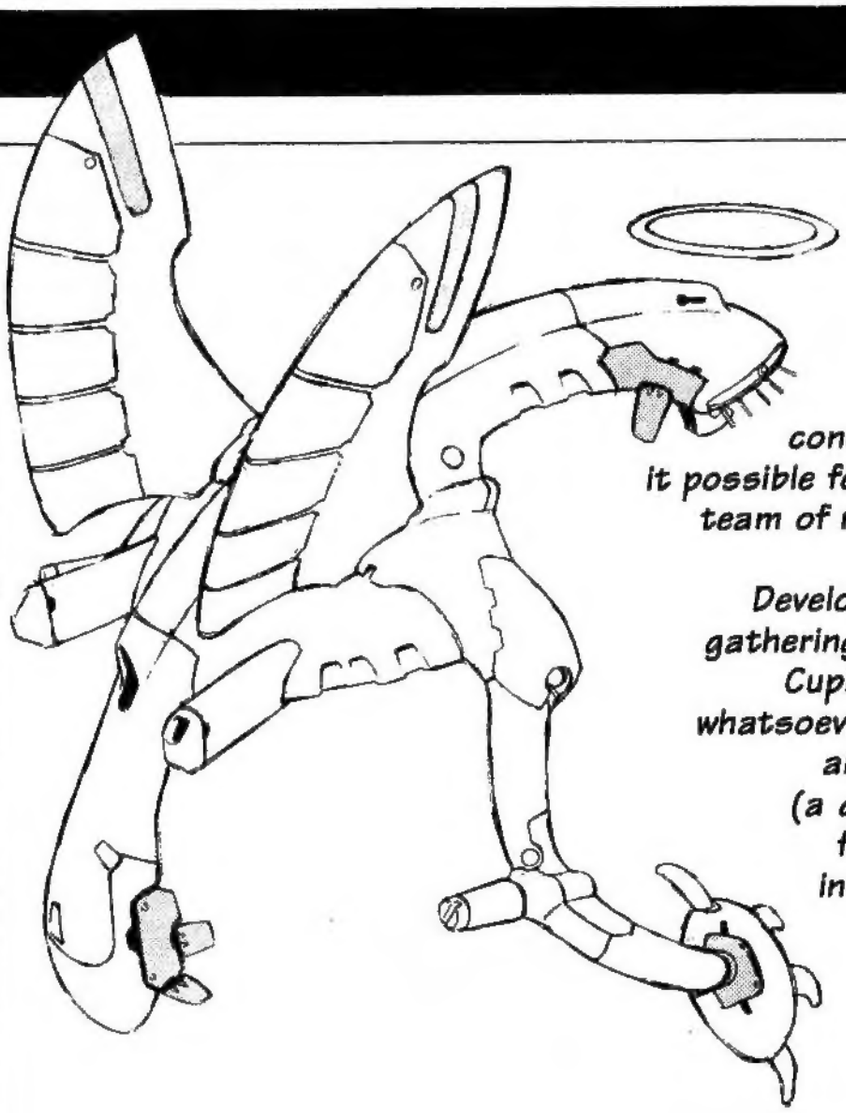


CUPID

Length: 5'8" Weight: 229 lbs.

Equipped with every communications function conceivable, it is Cupid who makes it possible for Angel to freely command her team of robots from Aomori Prefecture.

Developed strictly for the purpose of gathering and transmitting intelligence, Cupid is equipped with no weapons whatsoever, but its stealth capabilities are unmatched. Its "Dean Drive" (a device that focuses centrifugal force upwards) enables it to fly in utter silence, and its "invisible cocoon," which suppresses electromagnetic reflection, renders radar useless (it also serves as a physical shield).

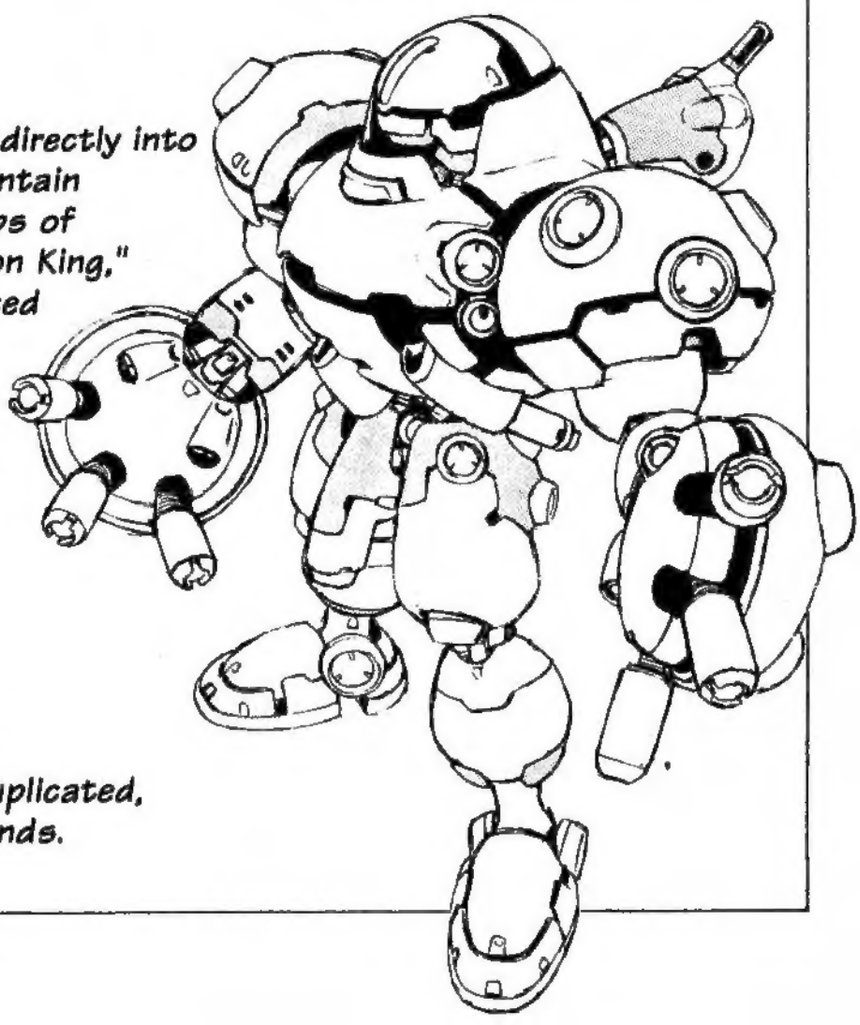
When R.R. Corporation completed Cupid, the robot's perfection generated spirited internal debate as to whether or not the robot should be sold to other companies.

DONNER

Height: 6'9" Weight: 666 lbs.

Designed to transform electricity directly into offensive power, this robot can contain and freely manipulate gigacoulombs of energy. Also known as the "Electron King," Donner is one of the most advanced combat robots ever developed.

Donner has seven techniques. For example, he can fire plasma balls and create an electromagnetic barrier, but the full extent of his abilities are unknown. One theory has it that he is capable of manipulating gravity, but this has never been verified. A superb combat robot, it is nonetheless unlikely that Donner will ever be duplicated, due to its enormous energy demands.



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